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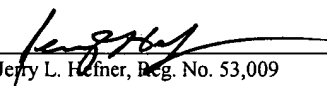
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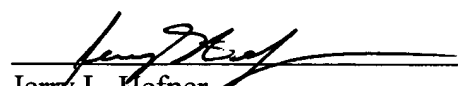
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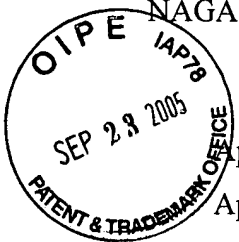
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2005, in connection with the above identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.